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1. [redacted] 3 sedans and 22 trucks, each occupied by an average of 20 to 25 soldiers and towing numerous guns and two field kitchens, left the Flak Kaserne on Etterburger Strasse, Weimar (M 51/J 5) on the evening of 14 June. They were bound for the Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15) troop training grounds. The installation was later occupied by only a rear detachment of about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. On 18 June, 40 soldiers drilled with rifles in the barracks yard. There was no other training activity. Truck [redacted] carrying billeting equipment left the installation in the direction of Ettersburg. (1)

2. [redacted] during the nights of 14 and 15 June, about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the eastern billeting area of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Etterburger Strasse. There was no activity on 18 June and all windows of the buildings were closed. There was only one truck [redacted] at the filling station. A column of driving school trucks, [redacted] returned to the installation, coming from the town. 25X1

3. The middle section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was vacant during the period from 14 to 19 June. No troops or vehicles were seen.

4. During the period from 14 to 18 June, the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by between 200 and 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen going back and forth between this section and buildings located in the northwest section of the Luetzenbach Kaserne. Other troops organized in groups up to 30 soldiers were seen engaged in basic drill or athletics and gymnastics. 25X1

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5. On 14 June, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Bittersfelder Strasse was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A truck was loaded with boxes in front of the supply building. There also was a field kitchen and an ambulance. Medical personnel were seen going between the various buildings and the garage. [REDACTED] 25X1

(1) On 15 June, there was almost no activity in the barracks installation. Most windows were closed. There were only a few soldiers, and no training activity was noticed. [REDACTED] the barracks installation was occupied only by a rear detachment of between 50 and 60 soldiers. [REDACTED] most of the troops previously stationed there were at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds, while a minor number of the troops was at the Lossa (N 52/J 59) troop training grounds. (1) 25X1

6. During the period from 14 to 15 June, the middle section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was occupied by about 400 soldiers wearing black-bordered epaulets with signal insignia, including some with blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Groups of not more than 100 troops were drilling with rifles at platoon level. Other soldiers were engaged in maintaining [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 25X1

7. On 15 June, the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was still occupied by a military hospital and a Soviet civilian hospital. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen engaged in medical service. [REDACTED] (3) 25X1

8. A German employee stated that, during the period from 13 to 15 June, a section with garages in the northwest area of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was partitioned off from the other sections of the barracks installation and was occupied by tanks which came from the autobahn. [REDACTED] tanks together with other elements left the post in the direction of [REDACTED] during the night of 14 June and were quartered near Traunkel, east of the Kienberg hill, also called hill 123. [REDACTED] numerous units of track-laying vehicles crossed the road on Herrenroden, coming from the area of the barracks installation. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was seen on the west side of this barracks area. (1) 25X1

9. During the period from 11 to 19 June, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Lohndorf Hill was occupied by between 700 and 900 soldiers wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets, mostly with signal insignia, and a detachment of 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The unit had sedans [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Between 60 and 120 soldiers were seen receiving training with small arms at platoon level, while about 200 soldiers were engaged in signal practice in the area of Umpferstedt, Guesenborn and Schwabsdorf during the period mentioned. Twenty men practiced telephone operations in the [REDACTED] Forest on 18 June. [REDACTED] 25X1

10. During the period from 13 to 17 June, the Niegerhorst Kaserne in Nona was occupied by about 1,400 soldiers, chiefly administrative personnel who wore either red-bordered black, black-bordered black epaulets, blue-bordered black epaulets the latter with signal insignia, or black-bordered crimson epaulets. 25X1

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No training activity was noticed in the barracks area. [redacted]
[redacted] the motor vehicle traffic had substantially decreased.

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11. During the period from 14 to 17 June, the six front buildings of the Luetzen-
dorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse were occupied by motor transport [redacted]
sonnel. Signal troops who were previously seen in two other buildings were no
longer seen. [redacted] groups of up to 60 soldiers entered the
installation as new arrivals at regular intervals while groups of soldiers of
the same size simultaneously left the installation. [redacted] these
troops were engaged in drivers practice. [redacted]

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12. On 15 and 16 June, the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was not
occupied to capacity. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, partly
with tank or artillery insignia were observed. On 15 June, three SU-76 aircraft
occurred by their crews entered the installation. On 16 June, truck [redacted]
left the installation. (2)

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13. On 16 June, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by tank detach-
ment. There was only little motor traffic [redacted] seen entering the
installation. (1)

14. During the period from 14 to 17 June, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibniz Allee
was occupied by between 300 and 400 soldiers wearing black-bordered black
epaulets. (3)

15. At 3 p.m. on 4 June, a troop train carrying 18 trucks, [redacted]
[redacted] passed through Weimar, proceeding in an easterly direction. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The information supplied [redacted] tends to indicate that the elements
of the 13th AAA Div previously stationed in the Flak Kaserne and the eastern
section of the Luetzenhof Kaserne left about 15 June. It is plausible that most
of them moved to Ohrdruf. This, however, cannot be confirmed. There is a faint
indication [redacted] that elements moved to Lossa. On 2 July
[redacted] departing AAA units march toward Buttstedt and thus in
the direction of Lossa. [redacted] 25X1
- (2) No conclusion can be drawn from available information on the occupation of the
Tannenberg Kaserne. Further information is needed. It is undetermined whether,
in addition to the western section of the installation which is believed occu-
pied by the 581st Mort Regt (US) of the 20th Ods Mech Div, the eastern section
is also occupied by components of this division, possibly the 65th Ods Mort Regt.
The eastern section was previously believed to house a processing camp of the
army.

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- (3) The middle sections of the Luetzendorf Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne were believed to be occupied by one army signal unit each. The strength estimates [redacted] in the present report and previous reports tend to indicate that the 91st Sig Regt (US) is stationed in the Nachrichten Kaserne and the 446th Sig Bn in the Luetzendorf Kaserne. However, this assumption cannot be confirmed [redacted]
- (4) As the tanks mentioned in the present report were quartered in Craunheim, the unit seen must have been a unit of the 20 Gds Recz Div.
- (5) The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the Illershausen Kaserne in Mohra. [redacted]
- (6) [redacted] the train belonged to the 13th AAA Div. Its destination cannot be determined.

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